thinking of any amnesty scheme for these cases of malpractices?

MR. CHAIRMAN; A very good suggestion for action. Next question.

Recommendations of the Committeeon administrative arrangements forrural development

@*146. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN; t SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) what are the recommendations of the Committee on Administrative Arrangements for Rural Development (CAARD);

(b) what are the comments thereon received from various States and on Territories-

(c) what .steps have been taken in this regard; and

(d) what is the impact of the adjustments in arrangements of administration made, if any, on the Rural Development Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) A Statement containing the Summary of the Recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee, set up to Review the Existing Administrative Arrangements for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Programme (CAARD) is placed on the Table of! the House. (See Appendix CXL. An-nexure No. 39) Copies of the Report: are also available in the Parliament Library (Indexed at 309.24 R. Ms.

(b) Out of 3l States and Union Territories, comments of 18 States|Union Territories on the CAARD report have been received till now and these are awaited from the remaining 13 States/

t The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Pramod Mahajan.

@PreviousIy Starred Question 66, transferred from the 7th November,

Union Territories. There has been a mixed reaction of States and Union Territories on the recommendations contained in this report as revealed by the comments received till now.

(c) After receipt of comments from all States/Union Territories, the mat ter shall be examined and then placed before the National Development Council, for further consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन: सभापति महोदय, इस समिति की एक महत्वपूर्ण सिफारिश पंचायत राज संस्थाओं के नियमित चुनाव कराने के सम्बन्ध में है। दुर्भाग्य से इस के नियमित चुनाव नहीं होते। हमारे प्रधान मंत्री जी ने भी कई बार इन चुनावों को नियमित रूप से करने पर आग्रह किया है। इस समिति की सिफारिश में यह कहा गया है कि

"A drive should, therefore, be undertaken to have elections of Zila Parishads before 81st December, 1986 by declaring 1986 as the year of Panchayati Raj. This requires political will from the highest level."

इस स्थिति को देखते हुए सरकार पंचायती राज तथा अन्य स्थानीय स्वशासी संस्थाओं को संविधान में स्थान दे कर उनके नियमित रूप से चुनाव के साथ कोई खिलवाड़ न करे, ऐसी कांस्टीट्यूशनल गारंटी मिले। इसलिए संविधान में जैसे लोक सभा और विधान सभाओं का स्थान है वैसे पंचायती राज को स्थान देने के सुझाव पर क्या सरकार विचार करेगी यह मेरा पहला प्रश्न है।

श्री सुख राम : सभापति जी, जैसे अभी मैंने कहा है कि 31 में से 13 ऐसी स्टेट्स और यूनियन टेरीटरीज हैं जिनकी प्रतिक्रिया अभी आना बाकी है। जो आपने पंचायती राज के बारे में कहा पंचायत तो स्टेट सब्जेक्ट है और स्टेट्स उसके इलेक्शन करवाती है अपने कानून के मुताबिक और यह बात भी कमेटी के टर्म्स आफ रेफ्रेंस में दी गई है और उस में विचार किया गया है और रिकमेंडेशंस

की कापी जो है वह सदन के पटल पर रखी गई है ।

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): I entirely agree with the Member that something needs to be done and I myself have recommended earlier the steps that he has recommended. I was told initially that we may not be able to bring in any amendment because it does not come under our jurisdiction. But I have asked the Law Ministry to look into it further and they have not come back to me yet.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन: सभापति महोदय, मैं प्रधान मंत्री जी को बहुत बहुत धन्यवाद देता हूं । मैं चाहता हूं वे इसे जल्दी से संविधान में स्थान देने की कोशिश करें । उस के साथ ही इस व्यवस्था से जिला नियोजन की इस में बात है वित्त मन्त्री जी भी बैठे हैं मैं पूछना चाहता हूं कि क्या जिला नियोजन की व्यवस्था की इस सिफारिश को सरकार स्वीकार करेगी ?

श्री सुखराम : अभी इस बात को कहना प्रिमेच्योर होगा क्योंकि जैसे मैंने कहा कि जब सब स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स की सिफारिश आ जाएगी यानी उनके रिऐक्शन के आने के बाद ही फैसला लिया जाएगा ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Irrigation projects violating forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

147. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER-SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 490 irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh, which violate the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; and

(b) if so, what steps have been|are proposed to be taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Violations of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have come to notice of the Central Government in 12 irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) The Central Government have communicated to all the State and Union Territory Governments that diversion of forest land will not be approved in regard to projects in which the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been violated. Diversion of forest lands in regard to 9 irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh involving violation of the Forest (Conservatoin) Act, 1980 has not been approved.

Pollution from major cement factories

•148. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Pollution Control Board had recently held discussions with the authorities of major cement manufacturing units of the country to effectively control air pollution from the cement factories;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held; and

(c) what steps have been taken to control pollution from the cement factories?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The discussions related to the existing status and possible measures for air pollution control in cement manufacturing units.